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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, On August 26, 1906, the Chicago Motor Club, also  
3 known as AAA Chicago, was founded by Charles P. Root with a  
4 handful of automobile enthusiasts to stand "for all that is  
5 good and against all that is bad in motoring", led by club  
6 President William H. Arthur; and

7           WHEREAS, Today AAA Chicago is comprised of more than  
8 850,000 members from southern Illinois to the northern borders  
9 of Illinois and northern Indiana with 34 branch offices headed  
10 by President Brad Roeber; and

11           WHEREAS, Chicago is also the birthplace of the American  
12 Automobile Association, which was formed in 1902 and now boasts  
13 over 48 million members throughout North America; and

14           WHEREAS, In 1911, the Motor News was instituted as the  
15 first magazine for members of the Chicago Motor Club and in  
16 1917 the Chicago Motor Club formed its first insurance company;  
17 and

18           WHEREAS, Today AAA Living now carries the standard as  
19 Chicago Motor Club's membership magazine in the tradition of  
20 its predecessor publications Motor News and Home and Away; and

21           WHEREAS, In 1920, Chicago Motor Club President Charles M.  
22 Hayes launched "School Safety Patrol", the first-ever  
23 initiative for school crossing guards, and in 1938 sponsored  
24 the first driver's education classes; and

25           WHEREAS, Today Safety Patrol encompasses schools across  
26 the country and is over 500,000 patrollers strong, driver's  
27 education is an institution in our high schools, and AAA is  
28 recognized around the world as an advocate for traffic safety;  
29 and

1           WHEREAS, In 1929 the Chicago Motor Club inaugurated its  
2 South Water Street high rise in downtown Chicago as its  
3 corporate headquarters and in 1986 relocated its headquarters  
4 to Des Plaines; and

5           WHEREAS, Today, and since 2001, the Chicago Motor Club is  
6 headquartered in the beautiful AAA building on Meridian Lake  
7 Drive in Aurora; and

8           WHEREAS, In 2004 AAA Chicago hosted its first  
9 "Strollerthon", an annual charity walk to raise funds for child  
10 passenger seats; and

11           WHEREAS, The Chicago Motor Club still thrives today as a  
12 result of its public service mission and its advocacy for its  
13 members as motorists and on matters of traffic safety; and

14           WHEREAS, On August 26, 2006, the Chicago Motor Club  
15 celebrates its 100th year of service and joins the elite ranks  
16 of companies that have thrived for the last century; therefore,  
17 be it

18           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
20 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we congratulate the Chicago Motor Club  
21 on the year-long celebration of its centennial anniversary of  
22 serving motorists in the State of Illinois, and we designate  
23 August 2006 as AAA Chicago Motorist Safety Month; and be it  
24 further

25           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
26 presented to the Chicago Motor Club as an expression of our  
27 esteem and best wishes for a second hundred years of service.